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PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 14]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No.	2550/113
First Inventor	Robert J. McMorrow
Title	Active Coupler
Express Mail Label No.	EL603031666US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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of prior application No _____ / _____

Prior application information

Examiner _____

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	740
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 740.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
26	-20** = 6	x 18	= 108
Independent Claims	2 - 3** = 0	x 84	= 0
Multiple Dependent			= 0

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	78	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 108.00)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0.00
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	0.00
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	0.00
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	0.00
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	0.00
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	690	246	345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	0.00
149	690	249	345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00

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